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SUBJECT: CODEL OXLEY'S GUANGZHOU VISIT

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C) SHANGHAI 4824, D) GUANGZHOU 6936

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: CODEL OXLEY'S NOVEMBER 16-17  
UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO GUANGZHOU WAS CLOAKED BY  
CPIFA/FAO OBFUSCATION WHICH RESULTED IN

LIMITED SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE FOR THE CONGRESS-  
MEN WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS DURING THEIR  
GUANGZHOU STOP. THE SHENZHEN PORTION OF THE  
VISIT, A SEGMENT NOT PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO  
EITHER THE CONGRESSMEN OR TO CONGEN, WAS  
HANDLED SEPARATELY AND WITHOUT ANY CONGEN  
PARTICIPATION. NONETHELESS, CODEL HAD A  
PRODUCTIVE EVENING DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNOR YE  
XIANGPING OVER DINNER AND CG AND PCE CHIEF  
MET WITH GROUP ON OTHER OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS  
THE LOCAL SCENE. END SUMMARY.

3. GOVERNOR YE'S DINNER MEETING WITH CODEL  
OXLEY NOT SURPRISINGLY WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION  
OF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC MIRACLE. CONGRESSMAN  
DARDEN, HOWEVER, PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR  
YE'S FATHER, MARSHAL YE JIANYING, NOTING HIS  
ROLE IN "SAVING CHAIRMAN MAO" AND OTHER IMPORTANT  
MILITARY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THE YOUNGER YE  
WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY MODEST, EXPLAINING HOW  
THIS WROTECHNICALLY TRUE BUT SUGGESTING A  
DETAILED EVALUATION OF THE ACTUAL INCIDENT WOULD  
TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION. NONETHE-  
LESS, THE GOVERNOR WAS CLEARLY PLEASED BY  
CONGRESSMAN DARDEN'S REFERENCE TO HIS FATHER AND  
TO THE FACT THE CONGRESSMAN HAD OBVIOUSLY DONE  
SOME HOMEWORK ON HIS HOST.

4. CONGRESSMAN OXLEY RAISED CONGEN CONCERNS  
ABOUT U.S. BUSINESS SALES/OPPORTUNITIES IN THE  
GUANGDONG AREA AND PARTICULARLY THE STUARD

AND STEPHENSON CASE CONCERNING POWER PLANT  
EQUIPMENT (REF D). YE INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED  
IN GUANGDONG HAVING THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DEALINGS  
ABROAD AND CERTAINLY WELCOMED U.S. BUSINESS

ACTIVITIES HE CLAIMED "HANG DONG'S COTTON" WAS  
STILL NEWLY, POINTING TO THE NEED TO MORE  
INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE OBJECTS, AND PARTICULARLY TO  
MEET POWER DEFICIENCIES. YE ACKNOWLEDGED THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. MARKET AND EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF MEM STATUS  
FOR CHINA. (CODEL MEMBERS SUPPORTED MEM  
CONTINUATION FOR CHINA.) SEATING ARRANGEMENTS  
AT THE TABLE PRECLUDED OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
DELEGATION FROM ADDRESSING THE GOVERNOR DIRECTLY.

5. YE'S INFORMAL, RELAXED STYLE MADE A UNIVERSALLY  
POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON THE DELEGATION. CONGRESSMAN  
OXLEY NOTED YE DID NOT BRING OTHER OFFICIALS TO  
THEIR MEETING AND DINNER, PREFERRING TO DO THINGS  
ON HIS OWN. YE ALSO ENGAGED IN A LOT OF THE  
PLAYFUL BANTER THAT WENT ON AROUND THE TABLE  
DURING DINNER AND INSISTED THE GROUP TRY HAOTAI,  
HOLDING SOME TO A TWO-GLASS CONSUMPTION TO PARALLEL  
THEIR TWO-DAY VISIT AND OBTAINING COMMITMENTS  
FROM OTHERS FOR A RETURN VISIT BASED ON A THIRD  
CUP WHICH WAS RITUALY STAGE-SET FOR THE CAMERAS.

6. IN ADDITION TO THEIR MEETING WITH THE  
GOVERNOR, CODEL VISITED THE HENRY FOK CARDIAC  
CENTER AT THE PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL AND  
THE BEIJING ROAD PRODUCE MARKET. SPOUSES

SEPARATELY VISITED THE SHAMIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
SCHEDULING IN SHENZHEN FOR THE EVENING OF  
NOVEMBER 17 INCLUDED A TOUR OF THE INDUSTRIAL  
EXHIBIT HALL AND DINNER WITH VICE MAYOR ZHANG  
HONG YI. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO  
MCDONALD'S AND SCENIC CHINA, A MINIATURE CHINA  
THEME PARK, THE NEXT DAY BEFORE THE CODEL WAS

BUSED FROM SHENZHEN TO HONG KONG IN THE EARLY  
AFTERNOON.

7. NOTE ON PLANNING/COORDINATION WITH CHINESE HOSTS:  
PROTOCOL OFFICE OF THE CHINESE HOST ORGANIZATION  
HAD INFORMED US THE DELEGATION WOULD COME FROM  
SHANGHAI ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 15, HAVE DINNER  
WITH THE GOVERNOR, AND LEAVE THE HOTEL THE FOLLOWING  
MORNING ON AN 0238 TRAIN TO SHENZHEN. WE WERE  
ALSO TOLD THE GROUP WOULD LEAVE SHENZHEN LATER IN  
THE DAY AND ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SOMETIME ON THE 17TH.  
THE CODEL WAS NOT YET TOLD ABOUT ITS PROGRAM --  
AT LEAST ONE CONGRESSMAN WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE  
GROUP WAS GOING TO SHENZHEN -- AND HAS ONLY TOLD  
IT WOULD HAVE A VERY BUSY SCHEDULE. GUANGDONG  
SCHEDULE WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE CODEL ON THE  
BUS FROM GUANGZHOU AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL. BECAUSE  
THE SCHEDULE WAS SUPPOSEDLY SO BUSY, CODEL  
EARLIER DECLINED OUR OFFER OF A BRIEFING. WE DID,  
HOWEVER, PROVIDE A WRITTEN SYNOPSIS OF GUANGDONG'S

FIRST HALF-YEAR ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ARRANGED A  
COUPLE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. CG ACCOMPANIED  
THE GROUP DURING THEIR DINNER WITH THE GOVERNOR  
AND FOR BREAKFAST AND SATURDAY MORNING TRAVELS IN  
GUANGZHOU. THE BRIEF AND OLD ALSO TALKED TO  
DELEGATION MEMBERS DURING THEIR BREAKFAST HOUR.  
NO PERSONNEL ACCOMPANIED CODEL TO SHENZHEN AS IT  
WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE LAST-MINUTE PARTICI-  
PATION IN THOSE EVENTS. SEPTEL WILL DISCUSS THIS  
AND OTHER COORDINATION PROBLEMS WITH RECENT

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8. CODEL DID NOT CLEAR THIS MESSAGE BEFORE  
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